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ALBERT A. PATTERSON DISAPPEARS FROM ANN ARBOR.

Graduate of De Panw, Who Was Finishing a Medical Course at the Michigan University.

BLOOD-STAINED HAT

AND A LETTER TO HIS FIANCEE THAT HINTED OF TRAGEDY.

Queer and Mysterious Affair That May Be Either a Student's Prank or a Ghastly Crime.

NEWS OF INDIANA COLLEGES

ADDRESSES BY SENATOR AND MRS. FAIRBANKS AT DE PAUW.

State Normal School's New Athletic Park Named "Parsons Field"-Yale Senior Societies.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 21.-The white crush hat of Albert A. Patterson, with a knife cut in the crown and hair and blood spattered over it, was found on the lawn in front of his boarding house this morning. Patterson, who is a senior medical student at the University of Michigan, was gone, leaving behind him one of the weirdest letters in student history. Patterson's home is in Greencastle, Ind. At 11:15 o'clock last night he left the room of Miss Maud G. Hinman, of Kingston, N. Y., a co-ed, to whom he was engaged to be married on commencement day. He never went to his room. When his absence was discovered this morning his flancee found the following queer letter:

"I was in San Antonio, Tex., in the winter of 1897-98. I wandered into the Mexican part of the town, I stumbled into a meeting of an organization, was gagged and tled. They made me swear to a lot of things. I came North, went to war and then came to Michigan. Had almost forgot- after the decision of Judge Buffington toten the circumstance until I got a note some time since, warning me that I had forfeited my life. I got another note and then | wires of the Western Union Telegraph Comthis last one."

At first Patterson's disappearance was taken as a joke. His flancee, who is also a senior "medic," identified her lover's hair

find whether there is human blood on the Miss Hinman is almost crazy. Patter-

on the hat. An analysis will be made to

son's work was excellent and in three weeks he was to take his diploma. The police worked all day without getting a clew.

### Graduated from De Pauw. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., May 21.-Albert A. Patterson graduated from De Pauw University, this city, in 1897. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and a native of Logansport, Ind., having been born there Feb. 7, 1875. He was in army service in the hospital force of First Brigade, First Division, First Army Corps, in the Spanish war and was in Cuba. He would have graduated from Ann Arbor next month. It is reported that he would have been married next month to Miss Laura Florer, of this city. At her home he is supposed to still be at Ann Arbor. Nothing has been heard here concerning his al-leged disappearance.

THE CHOSEN FEW AT YALE.

New Members of Scroll and Key, Skull and Bones and Wolf's Head.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 21.-The three senior secret societies of Yale College, Scroll and Key, Skull and Bones and Wolf's Head, gave their elections this afternoon on the campus in the manner known as "Tap day" celebration. The juniors and hundreds of other students and graduates gathered on the campus in front of Durfee Hall, near the junior fence, about 5 o'clock. At that time the seniors began to come singly from the halls of three fraternities ningling with the crowd, singled out beneficiaries, slapping them on the back as notification of election. The men slapped wheeled about and went to their rooms, closely followed by the senior se-

cret society man who gave the election No explanation is offered for the failure of any society to elect the manager of the potball eleven for next season, H. C. Miller, Edwin Clapp, the inetrcollegiate hurdle runner, F. M. Blount, an athlete and coach of the freshmen football eleven last season, and several other students. The elections

Scroll and Key-Fayette Brown, Cleve-land; Justice Wilson, Toledo; W. Ledyard Mitchell, Cincinnati Skull and Bones-Charles E. Adams, Toledo; William B. Soper, Bloomington, Ill. Wolf's Head-Thomas L. Jefferson, jr. Louisville, Ky.

MRS. FAIRBANKS A GUEST.

With the Senator She Addressed De Pauw Students.

Epecial to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., May 21.-Senator C. W. Fairbanks remained in the city a few hours this morning, after being here last evening for initiation into the Phi Beta Kappa Society and a lecture and reception afterwards. This morning he addressed the students at the chapel exercises, in a few words of good wishes. Mrs. Fairbanks was also at chapel and spoke briefly on the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution. At half past 10 she was a guest of honor at a luncheon given by the Washburn chapter of the organization mentioned.

President H. A. Gobin states that the be nning of the work of Dr. Hughes as presient of De Pauw University depends on the success of the committee having in charge the flading of a successor to Dr. in the pastorate of the church at Mass., Dr. Hughes's present location. Dr. Hughes will in any event be here tember for a brief time and will visit the conferences of the State, practically taking up the work of the presidency with the beginning of the fall term.

Wabash College Baseball Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., May 21 .- The ball game with Indiana University was called off this afternoon, on account of ain. The I. U. team went to Notre Dame his evening, and will play here Saturday. The freshmen baseball team has elected

Roscoe E. Woods manager, and will challenge the freshmen of Purdue, Indiana University and De Pauw. Two of the pitchers on the college team are members of the freshman class. A challenge issued to the entire college has not been accepted, and the freshmen hope to schedule several games with rival colleges.

Athletic Director Haines has appealed the Wabash-De Pauw baseball case to the athletic committee of the De Pauw faculty for a decision. Wabash feels that De Pauw's manager has acted unfairly in re-fusing to play a game here, and a settle-ment will be brought about through the higher authorities.

In Honor of President Parsons.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. TERRE HAUTE, May 21 .- The new athletic park bought for the Indiana State Normal School has been named "Parsons Field" for President Parsons. This was done at a meeting of the assembly on motion of Prof. Rettger, who referred to the successful effort made by President Parsons to obtain the appropriation from the Legislature by which it was possible to provide the school with what had been so much needed.

The members of the Y. W. C. A. will have a street fair Saturday evening in the building. The members refuse to make known the character of the fair and the curiosity of the 1,100 students is being worked upon to bring a large attendance.

Earlham's Oratorio Society Appears. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., May 21 .- The first public appearance of the Earlham College Oratorio Society was that of last night at the First Presbyterian Church, when Haydn's "The Creation" was successfully given. The solo parts were taken by Arthur Beresford, Miss Elizabeth Blamere and George Ham-lin. The chorus was directed by Professor Cleveland K. Chase and Miss Jennie Papworth was organist. The Oratorio Society is a permanent institution at Earlham, and each year some oratorio will be given.

Farmers to Pienie at Purdue.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 21 .- The Central Passenger Association has made a rate of one and one-third fare for round-trip tickets to Lafayette on the occasion of the farmers' picnic excursion to Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station at Lafayette, June 12. Tickets may be purchased on June 11 and 12, and will be good returning to and including June 13. Guides will meet all trains arriving in Lafavette June 12 and conduct visitors to the station.

WESTERN UNION WIRES REMOVED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA.

Many Small Towns Without Telegraph Communication and Several with No Electric Light Service.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 21.-Immediately day affirming the right of the Pennsylvania Railway Company to remove the poles and pany hundreds of men, acting on orders The "last note," which was inclosed, was from the Pennsylvania Railroad, began to written on a piece of brown paper. It read: | cut Western Union poles on railroad prop-"111, by May 20, Maximo." The Patterson | erty in this division. In a short time miles letter added: "Wonder how a thin knife of poles, holding hundreds of miles of telefeels in the back? May be Maximo wants | graph, telephone and electric light wires, me to cough up again." Throughout it went down. As a consequence many small were expressions such as "Rats, I am towns were without telegraphic connection, ashamed to write this rot, but, some while in the immediate vicinity of Pittsway, I can't get free from a sort of dread." | burg there were a number of boroughs that were without electric light or telephone service. No notice, it is said, had been sent to the Philadelphia Electric Company of the intended action of the railroad officials, either by the Western Union or the Penn-

The downfall of the poles, Western Union officials say, affect that company little. There were fifteen old iron wires on the railroad that always worked badly and they were cut off the local offices of the company. In place the company at once started in service three new routes to New York, all of copper wires and in perfect condition, to take care of the service thus

# MODERATOR CHOSEN

THE REV. F. COYLE SELECTED BY NORTHERN PRESBYTERIANS.

Opening of the General Assembly as Los Angeles-Other Religious Bedies.

moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, the One-hundred-and-fif- notify Kennington to prepare his bond at Emanuel Church with 670 commissioners

At the morning session Moderator Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton, opened the assembly and delivered his annual address. Campaigning then followed until the afternoon ession. Dr. Coyle was elected on the second ballot. David Schaff, of Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati; Dr. Roberts, Calvin W. Mateer and Dr. Zenos, of Chicago, were also candidates. Dr. Zenos and Dr. Roberts withdrew after the first ballot, in which Dr. Coyle fell only twelve votes short of election. Dr. Coyle's election was finally Aside from the election and the Lord's

supper Dr. Van Dyke's address was the at-

Baptist Home Missionary Society. BUFFALO, N. Y., May 21 .- At to-day's session of the American Baptist Home Mission Society the report of the committee reducing the rate of interest on the church loan fund to 5 per cent. was adopted. The following officers were elected: President. E. M. Thesher, Ohio; vice president, Andrew McLeish, Illinois; I. E. Gates, New York: treasurer, F. T. Moulton, New York; recording secretary, Alvah S. Hobart, Penn-

The American Baptist Missionary Society ejected these officers: President, Kirke E. Porter, Pittsburg; vice William N. Clarke, New York, and E. M. Vanduzee, St. Paul, Minn.; recording secretary, Rev. Henry S. Burrage, Portland,

Cumberland General Assembly.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 21 .- The seventy-third session of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church opened here this morning. The annual sermon was delivered by Dr. S. M. Templeton, of Texas, the retiring moderator, and the streets will subject of his discourse was "The Unity were not properly swept." of Believers.

# Cathelie Appointments.

WASHINGTON, May 21.-The apostolic delegation has received from Rome briefs appointing Mgr. Henry Moeller coadjutor to the archbishop of Cincinnati, Mgr. J. J. Glennon, coadjutor to the archbishop of St. Louis, Rev. E. Coffey and P. Nagel, of the diocese of Scranton, to the dignity of domestic prelates.

# Southern Presbyterians.

LEXINGTON, Va., May 21.-The fortythird General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church of the United States convened this morning in the Lexington Presbyterian Church. The retiring mode ator, Rev. Dr. W. T. Hall, Columbia, C., preached the opening sermon.

## ON WHOM IS THE JOKE?

If a generous Southern Colonel bestows much money upon a chambermaid for refusing to make up the bed of Booker T. Washington-



- and later it is alleged that there is a healthy rumor that she did make up the bed after all.



the money on which it was declared was

tied up in contracts which were incomplete.

He said if all the company's assets had

been in money and the dividend had been paid a surplus of about \$4,000 would have

\$25,000. Of the new capitalization \$24,000 was

\$4,000; Floyd A. Woods, \$5,000; G. W. Seibert,

borrowed money amounting to \$24,000.

sweeping done by machines.

NUMBER OF SWEEPERS.

KNOX AFTER BAER.

Attorney General Wants the Coal Road

President to Answer Questions.

effort is to be made by the Interstate-com-

Baer, of the Reading Coal and Iron Com-

pany and the Reading Railway, and offi-

produce certain documents which they re-

fused at the recent hearing before the com-

mission in New York to answer and pro-

duce. The particular documents, the origi-

mission are alleged contracts among the

coal-carrying roads limiting the produc

sion Attorney General Knox directed Gen-

eral Burnet, district attorney for the

southern district of New York to present

the case to the United States District Court

cials to appear before the commission, an-

swer the questions and produce the docu-

ments. In co-operation with the attor-

neys for the complainant in the case, Wil

liam R. Hearst, General Burnet has pre-

pared the petition which was received by

MONITOR AT CAIRO.

The Arkansas Not Damaged, but Had

Many Narrow Escapes.

CAIRO, Ill., May 21 .- The monitor Ar

kansas arrived in the Cairo harbor at 12:30

p. m. She is coaling here, and will remain

In an interview with Commander Vree-

land he stated that in many places be-

tween Cairo and St. Genevieve the boat

encountered a stage of only thirteen feet of

water, and as she was drawing twelve feet

many narrow escapes were experienced. No

damage was done to the Arkansas on the

way down, and she is in a first-class con

dition. The most critical point was at Dog

Tooth bend, a few miles above Cairo, but

the boat succeeded in getting over the low

bars without grounding. Captain Henry

Hartee, who is piloting the Arkansas to

the gulf, says he will experience no trouble

TURTLE MOUNTAIN CRACKED.

New Pissure Four Feet Wide and One

Thousand Yards Long.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 21.-A special to

the Colonist from Frank says a crack four

feet wide and 3,000 feet long has opened a

couple of hundred yards back from the face

of the western peak of Turtle mountain at

at Frank from the lieutenant governor of

the territory ordering the mounted police to inform everybody of the danger and suggesting the immediate evacuation of the

he commission to-day.

until to-morrow.

safety.

and ask for an order to compel the offi

tion of coal. Upon request of the commis

merce Commission to compel President

WASHINGTON, May 21.-A vigorous

CAPITAL INCREASED.

HOW MARION COUNTY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WAS ORGANIZED.

Trend of the Investigation of Sweep ing Contract as Conducted by Attorney Noel.

CHARLES W. WELLS A DIRECTOR

HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHE! HE WAS ELECTED.

William C. Smith Also Tells About the Company-An Adjournment Until Next Tuesday Night.

Attorney Neel spent most of last night examining witnesses as to the business and affairs of the Marion County Construction Company, which has the city sweeping con-tract. The testimony elicited was not of force had been ample at all times. Company, which has the city sweeping conthe greatest importance and the session ended an hour earlier than usual. The session was without incident of the usual

character and was unusually quiet. Charles M. Glover, assistant clerk of th Board of Public Works, was the first witness. He was asked as to what knowledge he had from members of the board LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 21.-The Rev. for sprinkling, received Feb. 27, prior to F. Coyle, of Denver, was to-day elected their rejection. He said he had none. He said he had not been told by the board to teenth General Assembly of which convened | nor had he been asked by Kennington for a blank bond form.

> Jesse Ferguson, shop man for the Marion County Construction Company, testified that the company had used nine sweepers a part of last year-a small part-and eight | roads, to answer certain questions and to at other times.

> DIRECTOR WITHOUT KNOWING IT. Charles W. Wells, of Kothe, Wells & Bauer, was called to testify as to the or- nals of which are demanded by the com ganization of the Marion county company. He said he had subscribed to one share of stock, but did not know he had been elected a director with G. W. Seibert and W. C. Smith, nor named in the articles of incorporation as a director. In fact, he said, he had never received his certificate of stock and had no knowledge of the company's business after he signed the articles of incorporation. He said W. N Gates, with whom he has been acquainted all his life, had asked him to aid in the incorporation of the company. Mr. Gates and the witness are stockholders in the Climax Coffee Company. He said he knew Mr. Gates to be an honorable man, and he complied with his request in signing the articles of incorporation because he knew everything would be all right. The only persons he knew to be connected with the company were Mr. Gates and George acquainted. He said Harry B. Gates's connection with the company was not mentioned. He said he once received a telephone message from Floyd Woods about the company, but later when he tried to answer the message he did not find Mr. Woods. He said he had thought so little about the transaction that it had passed out of his mind until recalled by Mr. Noel. Mr. Noel introduced the sprinkling records to show payments to the Marion coun ty company for sweepings on Ohio street, from Arsenal avenue to East street, South eastern avenue, from Washington stree to State street, and Alabama street, from Twenty-second street to Twenty-fifth street. These are the streets witnesses testifle

W. C. SMITH EXAMINED. W. C. SMITH EXAMINED.

on the journey down, as the water is now high enough to float the Arkansas in county company, was examined for over an hour about the organization of the company. Mr. Smith said the company was organized by Mr. Selbert, with whom the witness was in partnership in public contracting, and the original stockholders were Mr. Seibert, the witness, Harry B. Gates. W. N. Gates and Floyd A. Woods. Th capital stock was \$14,000, and was all paid up and deposited in bank to the credit of the company. Mr. Seibert, W. N. Gates and the witness each had \$2,000 of stock, and H. B. Gates and Woods \$4,000 each. said he kept no stock register. He said Mr. | the summit. A dispatch has been received Wells was an incorporator, but not a stockholder. He did not know how Wells becan an incorporator and not a stockholder. Smith said he was out of the city most of the time, and Mr. Seibert looked after the

# paid in early in March, 1902. The company, he said, had paid no dividends, but had declared one of 6 per cent. at the end of its first year's business. The reason the dividend was not paid was that

HE ACCEPTS GOVERNOR'S HINT TO GET OFF REFORMATORY BOARD.

Early in the fall of 1902 the capital of the company was increased from \$14,000 to Third Chapter in the History of the Reorganization of the Institution sold, and the stockholders' holdings now at Jeffersonville. were: W. N. Gates, \$3,000; Harry B. Gates,

\$8,000; Medford B. Wilson, \$2,000, and W. C. Smith, \$2,000. All this was paid in cash to Mr. Seibert, who was president and treas-SUCCEEDED BY CRITTENBERGER

The increase in capital stock was due to the resolution of the company to erect an asphalt plant. This cost about \$10,000. The plant is on Fulton street. The only salaried HE WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM NORTHERN PRISON BOARD.

officers, he said, were the president and secretary and bookkeeper. Nothing had been paid to Woods or the Gateses. The company now had in its sweeping and asphalt equipment about \$30,000, and had due from contracts, including the Massachusetts-avenue asphalt It Will Probably Be Terhune's Turn nue asphalt resurfacing, \$26,200. The outstanding accounts amounted to about \$2,000, and there was an indebtedness in notes for Next-Superintendent Byers's Tenure Uncertain.

Mr. Smith said the company used eight sweepers most of the season of 1902, and for The third chapter in the history of the about a month, in the very hot weather, reorganization of the management of the Last fall the sweeping area was Indiana Reformatory at Jeffersonville was greatly reduced by the Board of Works, and written yesterday when John G. Williams, of this city, tendered to the Governor his He said one sweeper could sweep one hunresignation as one of the Democratic memdred "great squares" (10,000 square feet) bers of the board of managers of the ineach night in nine or ten hours, which would involve a 24-mile drive. Mr. Smith stitution. Mr. Williams resigned by rewas excused with the understanding that quest. Unlike his late colleague, John S. he would be recalled next Tuesday night to McDonald, of New Albany, he did not wait testify further as to the measurements of to be removed.

Dale J. Crittenberger, of Anderson, editor of the Anderson News, will succeed Mr. Williams. This annour made officially, but it was learned last night from reliable authority that Governor Durbin would tender the appointment to

Mr. Crittenberger. Mr. Crittenberger is at present the Democratic member of the board of control of the State Prison at Michigan City, but he will be transferred to the Reformatory cials of other anthracite coal-carrying board and a new man appointed to the vacancy on the State Prison board.

Mr. Williams's action occasioned much surprise among the men who rallied to the support of the members of the board of managers last winter in fighting the so-called "ripper" bill. It had been known that the Governor would exercise the power vested in him by the amended bill, which finally became a law, and remove the members of the board whom he had appointed and it was generally expected that Mr. Willlams would make a vigorous fight against removal and that he would not voluntarily retire under fire. The law provides that in case any member of the board refuses to resign upon the request of the Governor, he may demand and must be given a hearing, the text of the bill reading: "The Governor may remove any of the managers for cause, upon written statement made, after an opportunity for a hearing is given, if demanded, and the action of the Governor in the premises shall be final."

LETTER OF REMOVAL. G. B. Lockwood, secretary to the Governor, sent the following letter to Mr. Williams, dated May 15:

"Dear Sir-I am directed by the Governor to suggest on his behalf that in the interests of harmony in the administration of the affairs of the Indiana Reformatory, he would be pleased to receive your resignation as a member of the board of managers of that institution. Asking the favor of an early reply, I am,

Very respectfully yours, etc." Mr. Williams was out of the city at the but returned Wednesday, it is un-tood. Yesterday he addressed the following communication to Mr. Lockwood: "Dear Sir-Upon my return, after an absence of some ten days, I find your favor of the 15th inst., and herewith hand you my resignation as a member of the board of managers of the Indiana Reformatory. Mr. Williams's resignation, addressed to the Governor, reads: "I hereby resign the office of member of the board of managers of the Indiana Reformatory, to take effect immediately.'

WILLIAMS'S STATEMENT. Mr. Williams gave out the following statement yesterday at the same time he made public the correspondence between timself and the Governor's office: "From a personal standpoint it afforded me pleasure to furnish the Governor with my resignation as a member of the board o

managers of the Indiana Reformatory. accepted the office a year ago with great reluctance, and only after I had been importuned by the Governor to do so. "The work has proved extremely dis-tasteful to me, and it is now apparent that in the future it will be intensely disagreeable as well as distasteful. "The last Legislature gave the absolute control of the institution to the Governor, and I could not think for a moment of

continuing in office if, by so doing, I would produce discord in the administration of the affairs of the institution, or deny the Governor the pleasure my resignation af-

TERHUNE'S TURN NEXT. Dr. D. J. Terhune, of Linton, is now the only member of the board of managers movement toward a reorganization was

started. John S. McDonald, of New Albany, was removed by the Governor shortly after the adjournment of the Legislature, and Dr. H. C. Hobbs, of Salem, was named to succeed him. Charles E. Shively, of Richmond, was permitted to serve out his term, which expired March 22, and he was not an appointee of Governor Durbin. L. P. Newby, of Knightstown, former state senator, was recently appointed to succeed him.

It is said the Governor will request the resignation of Dr. Terhune within the near future, although the Linton man may be left undisturbed until the expiration of his term, March 22, 1904. With three new members of the board the reorganization is now effective. The retirement of Joseph P. Byers, who was appointed superintendent of the Reformatory last fall to succeed A. T. Hert, is expected, and it is also reported that Mr. Byers may anticipate any action by the new board by resigning, as he is said to have informed a few of his close friends recently that he has been offered two or three positions that are more desirable than the superintendency of the Jef-Governor Durbin and Auditor of State

fersonville institution. Sherrick spent the day yesterday at Jeffersonville, visiting the Reformatory. It was stated last evening at the Governor's office that the visit had nothing to do with the changes in the board of managers and that it was merely one of the routine visits which the Governor is making to all the State institutions.

## ELKS' HOME DEDICATED.

the Exercises. ROANOKE, Va., May 21.-The Elks' National Home at Bedford City, Va., was dedicated to-day in the presence of fully 5.000 people who came from all sections of the country. The speakers included Gov. Andrew Jackson Montague, of Virginia; United States Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia; Frederick Warde, the tragedian; George P. Cronk, exalted ruler, of Omaha, and Joseph T. Fanning, of Indianapolis. The oration of the day was by Meade D. Detwiler, of Harrisburg, Pa. After the dedication exercises 3,500 people were regaled at an old Virginia barbecue. The home, which is now open for the aged and indigent Elks of the United States, will accommodate 250 guests. The Elks have spent

EXPLOSION OF THE GASOLINE TANK OF A NEW YORKER'S MACHINE.

Blazing Fluid Showered on a Crowd of Persons, and a Score or More Injured, None Fatally.

NEW YORK, May 21 .- A score or more persons were injured to-day by the explosion of the gasoline tank of an automobile owned by Thomas D. De Witt, a wholesale coal dealer. The injured, among whom were a policeman and three firemen, were burned by a shower of blazing gasoline.

None was fatally hurt. The automobile was in charge of a chauffeur who was taking it to a repair shop because the gasoline tank leaked. At Forty-seventh street and Third avenue he found the machine on fire and brought it to a halt. An alarm was sent, and after vainly attempting to extinguish the flames with hand grenades the firemen turned a stream on the blazing vehicle. By that time three hundred or four hundred persons had gathered near the machine. The water had scarcely been turned on when the gasoline tank exploded. The burning fluid from the tank scattered in all directions and those in the front rank of the crowd caught the full force of it. A score of men rolled on the ground and shrieked with pain and women fainted. Firemen put rubber coats and blankets about the victims and extinguished the burning clothing. Several were

taken to the hospital.

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE IN THE NEW YORK CENTRAL YARDS.

One Man Burned to Death and Others

Injured-Many Railway Cars

Endangered.

NEW YORK, May 21 .- An explosion of five barrels of hydro-carbon in the New York Central Railroad yards, at Onenundred-and-fifty-sixth street and Sheridan avenue, to-day, caused a disastrous fire and resulted in the death of one man and the serious injury of several others. An erroneuos report to the effect that eight men had been burned to death was sent to police headquarters, but was shortly afterwards denied. The man who lost his life was Joseph Careno, thirty-five years old, and the seriously injured are John Weyler, forty-two years old, and Leonard Stoker, twenty-one years old, both seriously burned

The fire spread to three gas tanks, the machine and repair shops and several freight cars. The explosion of the gas tanks caused a great deal of confusion and for a time it was feared that it would be impossible to save the hundreds of cars lying in the yards. The Twentieth Century express for Chicago and other New York Central trains were delayed by the fire.

# Two Orphans Burned.

MERRILL, Mich., May 21.-Pearl and Edna Gill, aged three and five years, respectively, orphans, who had been adopted by Mrs. E. L. Butler, lost their lives in a | the storm and it was necessary to close fire that destroyed the Butler home at 7 down the plant o'clock to-day. Mrs. Butier was at neighbor's when the fire broke out and the children were asleep on the first floor of the house. They had smothered to death before help could reach them and their bodies slightly burned.

### Ohio Town Partly Burned. LIMA, O., May 21.-The business portion

of Dunkirk, twenty-five miles east of here. was practically wiped out by fire early today. Eleven business blocks and three residences were burned. The heaviest losers were Mahon & Co., the First National Bank, Lydeck Brothers and the Dunkirk Telephone Company. Loss estimated at \$100,000, partly covered by insurance.

# Other Fires.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Mass, May 21 .-Fire to-night burned the Old Colony iron foundry and machine shop, the Methodist Church and two warehouses and damaged a dozen other buildings. The loss is \$100,000. HARRISBURG, Pa., May 21.—The original Company was destroyed by fire at an early nour this morning. Loss, \$250,000, fully in-

who was on the board at the time the MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGED AND AT LEAST ONE LIFE LOST.

> Hard Rain at Indianapolis, Where the Precipitation Was Greater than Elsewhere in the Country.

DAMAGE AT LEBANON

BUSINESS HOUSES UNROOFED AND STOCKS OF GOODS DELUGED.

Severe Electrical Storm at Elwood and Gaston, and Downpours at Mun-

cie, Terre Haute and Elsewhere.

TORNADOES IN OTHER STATES

SEVERAL PERSONS KILLED IN KAN-SAS, TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA.

Many Prominent Men Take Part in Houses Destroyed and Occupants Mangled-Third Twister Near Salina Within Twenty-Four Hours.

Severe wind, rain and electrical storms swept over portions of Indiana late yesterday afternoon and last night. The fall of rain at Indianapolis was heavy, but no damage was done. Towns and cities north, east and west of Indianapolis, however, were less fortunate. In Boone county buildings were partly wrecked and stocks of goods in stores deluged with water, the about \$40,000 in renovating and furnishing greatest loss being at Lebonon. At Elwood and Gaston lightning played havoc, a little girl being killed at the latter place. The streets of Muncie, Terre Haute and other towns were flushed by downpours of rain and a few bridges and culverts were washed away. Numerous shade trees

and fences were blown down. The rain that drenched Indianapolis for hours yesterday afternoon and last night was first cousin to a cloudburst. More water fell in the city than at any other place in the country, according to reports received at the local weather bureau. While the deluge was extraordinarily heavy, there was nothing unusual or ab-

normal about it for the time of year. The triple register at the weather bureau indicated that 1.17 inches of rain fell from 4 p. m. until & p. m. yesterday, Later the ran slacked, but the precipitation continued the greater part of the night. Streets and gutters were rushing rivers and numerous reports were received of overflowed cellars, and, in some cases, of flooded basements. The total of damage, however, in the city was not considerable. The heavy rain was a godsend to the farmers of this locality as well as other

sections of the State. On account of prolonged dryness plowing has been delayed until the future of some crops was a matter of gloomy speculation. Now the plowing may be begun with soil in proper condition for tillage. The rain was general not only in Indiana, but in the central and Western States. Reports of good rains are received from Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Montana.

The probabilities are that to-day will be

DAMAGE IN BOONE COUNTY. Several Buildings Unroofed at Lehnnon and Stores Flooded.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LEBANON, Ind., May 21 .- A violent windstorm and heavy rain did much damage here late this afternoon. Three business houses, occupied by Aaron Byroad's saloon, Carl Lehman's restaurant and A. A. Garner's jewelry store, were unroofed and the interior of the buildings deluged with water. The Perkins Hotel, the leading hostelry of Lebanon, was unroofed and flooded. The Indianapolis & Northwestern Traction Company's car barns, which were nearing completion, were blown down and the power house also was damaged. Trees were uprooted all over town, barns and outbuildings were blown down and residences damaged. The telephone and telegraph wires in the country around Lebanon are down, and it is impossible to learn the extent of the damage in the county. It is reported, however, that brick houses and other farm residences were unroofed and otherwise damaged, and that many trees and fences were blown down. So far as can be learned, no one

## was injured by the storm. Young Girl Killed at Gaston.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MUNCIE, Ind., May 21.-Muncie was visited by a heavy rainstorm at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Many shade trees were destroyed and fences blown over.

At Gaston, ten miles north of Muncle, Mildred Kelfo, ten years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelfo, of Windfall, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. The child was visiting at the home of David Miller and was standing on the porch when struck. Both of her feet were split open and her entire body was turned black. The house was not damaged and none of the inmates was hurt. The huge stack of the Indiana bridge works in this city was blown over during

# Electrical Storm at Elwood.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ELWOOD, Ind., May 21.-The worst electrical storm for years passed over Elwood late this afternoon. Interurban and city street cars were put out of service several hours by the burning out of motors and schedules were abandoned during the storm. The barn of George Abbott was struck by lightning and destroyed. An old car barn of the Union Traction Company was also damaged. The fire department was kept on the run for two hours. Both telephone companies suffered severely. Rain fell in torrents, flooding the streets and sewers.

# Wabash Welcomed Rain.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WABASH, Ind., May 21 .- A fine rain, the first that has visited this section for several weeks, fell over Wabash county to-day and proved of great benefit to the growing crops, which had begun to suffer. But a small fraction of the corn acreage is in, owing to the protracted drought, and (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 COL 6)